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## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Washington, Jan. 5.—For Kansas: Forecast till 3 p. m. Sunday: Fair; colder to eastern portion; tonight west to north winds becoming variable.

WAHLSEN'S music has struck its gait; it is popular in China.

THERE is nothing artificial about the joy of the artificial ice men.

THAT Book of books—with a vast number of people, the pocket book.

SPEAKING of strained relations, how about people who have wells too close to a cemetery.

WHAT everybody now wears in the buttonhole instead of a chrysanthemum—the button.

IT is because women remember Eve's experience that they are desperately afraid of snakes yet.

THE sultan of Turkey has 300 carriages; they are for use when the sultan and his wife go out to drive.

IF Mrs. Lease is afraid that the same person won't decide her way, she might take a change of venue.

WHEN there is talk of John Sherman for president the old fellow can't keep the corners of his mouth down.

MANY people have good points if they wouldn't want to stick them into you in order to make you perceive them.

PEOPLE who have nothing to say for publication generally wish they had, after they see what the other people have said.

THOSE Boston Santa Fe bondholders who want more receivers, and better stuck to their beans. The more receivers, the more expense.

WOMAN suffragists are not willing to enter the army and face the guns of an enemy like the men, but we have heard of some that are not objecting to face powder.

WOMEN you like to be one of those fortunate people who, when the times are good, make lots of money, and when the times are bad, retire from business and get appointed receivers?

Poor widow: "Oh, sir, won't you please give me a few cents to buy bread."

Philanthropic citizens: "No, my good woman, but here is a copy of my speech made at one of the associated charities' mass meetings."

THE morning paper devotes a quarter of a column to advertising the JOURNAL. The only thing that we regret about this is that only four people read the editorial of the morning paper, as shown by its dazzling success in calling the meeting of the board of trade.

THE Topeka JOURNAL speaks of "the Matobes." The name of the people to whom it refers is the Teutons, "not" being merely an article. The esteemed JOURNAL would never make the mistake of saying "the is gripe," and yet "the Matobes" is just as bad.—Lawrence Journal.

If any paper were to pick us up on the pidgin languages of South Africa, of course it would be a Lawrence paper. What they don't know about languages, dead or alive, at Lawrence wouldn't fill an almanac.

THE Wichita Eagle says: "It is a critical time. This is no mere state house rebellion of gatling guns and hedge hammers. Mollie Pitcher is gathered to her fathers, but the spirit of all Ireland survives in the other Mollie who lives to defy the head of the state. General Ariz is confronted by the opportunity of a life time. In suspense the entire commonwealth awaits the touching of the trigger that shall blow the Emerald Amazon sky high or consign a million and a half of people with their brave governor to abject serfdom."

SECRETARY OF STATE Osborn has evolved a remarkable scheme. He declares that two hours ought to make a day's work. He says ten or twelve hours a day was all right before the era of labor-saving machines, but with all the improvements which have been invented in machinery, he estimates that one operator can produce as much in a given

length of time as twenty could seventy-five years ago. Osborn says: "It is estimated that two hours of labor each day performed by every able-bodied person will produce all the necessities, luxuries and ornaments that the world can consume, as well as perform all necessary business of the age. If this be true, it must necessarily follow that for every operator employed ten hours per day, four others must be forced into idleness or the world will be overstocked with products. A vast number of such laborers depending upon their labor for subsistence must materially reduce the market for the consumption of all products. This again must reduce the number of producers and create more idleness, which must continue to go on while the conditions remain unchanged." Secretary Osborn is a visionary gentleman. This is one of his latest visions.

## OMENS OF TROUBLE.

FOREIGN MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON  
PREDICT A EUROPEAN WAR.

The Russian Bear Wants a Spring Open the Year Round—Looking to Norway While Great Britain and Germany Show Their Teeth—Europe's Mighty Armies.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—That there will be a great war in Europe before many years have passed is the belief of a number of foreign ministers at this capital with whom I have privately talked during the past few days. These diplomatic gentlemen keep in close touch with what is going on across the water and have special means of knowing what the temper of their governments and peoples is. Without exception those with whom I have spoken on this subject say the chances are that the long impending war in Europe cannot now be deferred beyond a few years. Just where or how it will come they do not pretend to say, and are rather discreet, on the whole, in their remarks on the subject. I was struck, however, with the declaration of one experienced and important diplomat,

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A Desperate Game.

"Moreover, some excuse must be given for the maintenance of the mighty armies which exist in Europe. All through the old world every fifth man is a soldier. Enormous taxes are levied for the support of these vast troops, for their equipment, their horses, their provender. It is becoming an axiom in the diplomatic world of Europe that some day, and not a distant day at that, excuse must be given the people for this levy upon them. If they are to be continually asked for tribute to military rule, they must be afforded proof that military rule is a necessity. They must be satisfied that a real necessity exists for the maintenance of these vast armies. This raison d'être can be given only in war. For years now rumors of war and fears of war have sufficed. But there must be actual war pretty soon, or the taxpayers who pay these military bills out of the sweat of their brows will rise up and overwhelm monarchs and armies together. Without money armies are impossible, and except in Russia, the people are holding the purse strings. Therefore the monarchs must have war or go down. They must play the most desperate of all games as a sort of realistic spectatorm for the amusement and satisfaction of their financial supporters. If the people cannot have a show, they will not pay the bills.

Terrific Enemies.

"As to Norway and Sweden," concluded the diplomat, "I shall be sorry to see trouble come to them. They are two of the most interesting countries in Europe. No people are more industrious, more hospitable than they. Stockholm is one of the finest cities in Europe, and there are as much culture and refinement there as in any of the great European capitals. Stockholm has often been compared to Paris in the gaiety and artistic touch of its people. The Norwegians are a more sober, serious minded people.

They have to scratch a living out of a stretch of rocks with the sea on one side and mountains and glaciers on the other. They are unable to raise as much grain as they consume and depend upon their forests and their fisheries for a livelihood. But the people are industrious, frugal, hardy, courageous. In war they would prove terrible enemies. They are the descendants of the old Norsemen. It would be a pity if the Norwegians and the Swedes were to fly at each other's throats, but I know the feeling is not good between them. At the World's fair they not only occupied separate buildings, but had no relations whatever and were all the time jealous of each other. If they do fight, they will fight with bitterness and desperation, and before peace comes between them all Europe will be ablaze with campfires."

WALTER WILLMAN.

Dr. O. W. Holmes began his songs while yet a youth. At 20 he entered Harvard and contributed not a little to the comic verse of the college. At 30 he had made himself famous by his lines beginning, "Aye, tear that tattered banner down," known to every schoolboy as "Old Ironsides" and they saved the old wavy Constitution from being broken up.

The universality of Holmes' genius is something wonderful, and among all American writers it may be truly said of him that he has captivated the hearts of his English readers. In him are blended wit, sparkling intelligence, mature thought, the results of wide reading and a genuine kindness of humor that never gave itself full scope at the expense of suffering to others. No one has ever winced under his pen.

Look Out for a General Eruption.

This movement for a separate diplomatic establishment has gone on and gathered weight till it is now an open question whether or not it can be confined within the original lines laid down for it. From this basis it has developed till it threatens revolution. So many of the Scandinavians have visited your country or have relatives here, where I am told they make the very best citizens, that the American republic has seemed to many of them a model form of government. I have traveled in Norway, and the people there almost without exception praise America and express the warmest feelings of admiration for your great republic. In this way a strong republican feeling has grown up in Norway, and I hear that the coming elections are likely to show the Republican party in the supremacy in the storthing or Norwegian parliament. If this should turn out to be the case and the storthing should pass a measure providing for a separate diplomatic establishment, I fear the result will be hostilities between Norway and Sweden, and then look out for a general eruption in Europe.

Foreigners Took the Honors.

It appears from the full exhibit of awards made at the World's fair that the foreigners secured 63 per cent of the prizes, the Americans taking the remaining 37 per cent.

A High Priced Pearl.

The young Earl of Dudley's valuable life is insured for \$6,000,000.

This climax will bring on the very

chance for which Russia has been waiting," continued the diplomat. "She has been looking for an opportunity to step in and make a treaty which would give her control of Vardo, Vadsoe and possibly Hammerfest and Tromsø, the ports which afford free access to the Atlantic the year round from Lapland. Russia already has territory adjoining, and a small extension of her limits would embrace two or three of these fine ports. To what extent Russian influence has been behind the republican movement in Norway, or through what secret methods the Russians may have promoted the separatist agitation, I do not know, but if Russia does make an effort to secure Atlantic ports I venture the prediction that both Germany and Great Britain will protest. Their protest may lead to war. France will at once be drawn into the conflict, and then you will see the real, the terrible, the long expected and much talked of general war in the old world. Europe will be turned into a mighty camp. Millions upon millions of soldiers will ravage the lands.

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